



DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

TO: THE DIOCESE OF STOCKTON

FROM: THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DATE: 06/15/2021

RE: UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Stockton,

Please see linked the [updated COVID-19 guidelines](#). Bishop Cotta asks that the guidelines are implemented by June 19th, 2021 and asks that the faithful continue to be supportive and understating of their parishes as they transition into this new phase.

The obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be reinstated the weekend of June 26-27. **Those who are not comfortable attending in-person may request further dispensation from their pastor. Those who are ill, vulnerable to serious illness, or caring for a vulnerable person, have a serious reason to refrain from participation in Sunday Mass and do not need a special dispensation.**

In the coming days, Human Resources will be updating office administrators on guidelines and protocols for offices. The department is expecting to receive guidelines after the CAL OSHA meeting on June 17th.

The Office of Evangelization & Faith Formation will be updating the diocese on faith formation classes as soon as possible.

On behalf of Bishop Myron J. Cotta and the Diocese of Stockton, we thank you once again for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through these times together *As One*.

Best Regards,

Chandler Marquez
Director of Communications